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A Brief ACCOUNT OF THE Royal Matches OR *Matrimonial Alliances*,

VVhich the Kings of *England* have made from time to time since the year 800. to this present 1662.

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A Preamble.

THE Saxons having succeeded the Romans in the sway of this Country, As they changed the name thereof from Britain to England, so the Government also came to be altered, and diffused to an Heptarchy or Septemvirat, for there rul'd here seven Kings at once (such as they were) for the space of 400. years and more, during which time as the Government was confus'd, so the History is full of distraction and incertitudes, there being scarce any Authentic Record to be found for asserting any thing; In somuch that what is written of that Heptarchy is believed rather in courtesie, or by an implicit Faith then otherwise.

But since Egbert King of the West Saxons came by his prowess and policy to be sole King of England, which was above 800. years since, the current of History runs more cleer, and the Renown of the succeeding Kings rang lowder beyond the Seas, which made forren Princes to seek Alliances and Confederations with us.

Therefore touching the present Design, we will take our Rise from that time when England came to be a Monarchy, and first of King Ethelwolph the Son of the foresaid Egbert, Anno Dom. 837.

King *Ethelwolph* the second English Monark, having visited Pope *Gregory* the fourth at *Rome*, and returning through *France*, married	*The Lady* Judith, *called in those dayes the* Perl of Beuty, *daughter to* Charles *the Bald, who was then Emperor and King of* France.
King *Edward* the Outlaw (as they call'd him) married	*The Lady* Agatha *daughter to the Emperor* Hen. 2.
King *Athelstans* sister was married	*To* Otho *the Emperor*.
The Lady *Margaret* daughter to King *Edmund* Ironside coming to be Queen Regnant, was married	*To* Malcolme *the third King of* Scotland, *Anno* 1026. *whence King* James *and his Progenitors are lineally descended.*
King *Canutus* (the first of the three *Danish* Kings which raigned here about 26. years) married	*The Lady* Emma *sister to the Duke of* Normandy, *and* Guinhilda *his daughter by her was married to the Emperor* Hen. 3.
King *Edward* the Confessor, or St. *Edward* took a Wife at home (as all the rest of the *Saxon* Kings did, except the abovementioned) *viz.*	*The Lady* Editha *daughter to the Earl* Godwyn.

We come now to the Norman *and* Engliſh *Kings after the Conqueſt.*

King *William* the firſt, or the Conqueror married	*The Lady* Maude *Daughter to the Earl of* Flanders.
King *William* the ſecond called *Rufus*	*Had no wife, but divers natural children, among whom the Lord* Bertran *was moſt advanced.*
King *Henry* the firſt married.	*The Lady* Matilda *or* Maude, *daughter to* Malcolme *King of* Scotland *by* Margaret *ſiſter to* Edgar Atheling, *whereby the Saxon or Engliſh Blood Royal was reſtored, he had by her* Maude *the Empreſs, but left* 14. *natural children beſides,* viz. *ſeven Sons, and ſeven Daughters.*
King *Stephen* married	*The Lady* Matilda *the late Duke of* Bullens *daughter, but had no iſſue lived; He left two natural Sons, whereof the one was made Earl of* Norfolk, *the other Abbot of* Weſtminſter.
King *Henry* the ſecond Son of *Maude* the Empreſs (by *Jeffrey Plantaginet* her ſecond Husband) married	Elenor *the divorced Wife of* Lewis *the ſeventh King of* France, *by whom he had divers children, and left beſides ſome natural children by* Roſamund.
King *Richard* the firſt married	*The Lady* Berengania *daughter to the King of* Navarre.
King *John* married three Wives, two at home, and one abroad, *viz.*	Alice *daughter to the Earl of* Morton, *and* Avice *daughter to the Earle of* Glouceſter, *and having no iſſue of neither, he married* Iſabel *Heireſs to the*

	the Duke of Angoulesme *in* France, *of whom he had* Hen. 3. *(who succeeded him) and* Richard *who was Earl of* Glouceſter, *and crown'd King of the* Romans.
King *Henry* the third married	Elenor *daughter to* Raymond *Earl of* Province *in* France, *by whom was* Edward *the firſt, the ſcourge of the* Scots, *and* Edmund Crouchback *Duke of* Lancaſter, *who was the ground of the feud 'twixt the two Roſes.*
King *Edward* the firſt married two Wives, the firſt was	Eleanor *daughter to* Ferdinand *K. of* Spain, *by whom he had four Sons, and nine Daughters; His ſecond Wife was* Margaret *eldeſt Daughter of* Philip the Hardy *King of* France.
King *Edward* the ſecond of *Caernarvon* (the firſt inſtall'd Prince of *Wales*) married	Iſabel *daughter of* Philip le Belking *of* France.
King *Edward* the third married.	Philippa *daughter to the Earl of* Henault, *by whom he had ſeven ſons, and five daughters, the eldeſt was the Black Prince, who married at home,* viz. *the Lady* Joan *daughter to the Earl of* Kent, *though twice a Widow; he had two baſe Sons, Sir* Robert Clarendon, *and Sir* John Sounder.
Richard the ſecond married two Wives, *viz.*	*The Lady* Anne *daughter to the Emperor* Charles *the fourth. His ſecond Wife was* Iſabel *daughter to* Charles *the ſixth King of* France.

King *Henry* the fourth married two Wives, the first at home, *viz.*	*The Lady* Mary *daughter of* Humphrey Bohun *Earl of* Hereford, *&c. his second Wife was* Joan *Daughter to Charles King of* Navarre.
King *Henry* the fifth married	*The Lady* Katharine *daughter to* Charles *the sixth of* France, *who being left a young Widow married* Owen Tewdor *of* Wales, *who was Grandfather to* Hen. 7. *and thereby restored the* British *Royal Blood, uniting it with the* English.
King *Henry* the sixth was married to,	Margaret *daughter to* Reyner *Earl of* Anjou, *and King of* Jerusalem, Scicily, *and* Aragon.
King *Edward* the fourth married	Elizabeth *Widow of Sir* John Grey.
Richard the third married	*The Lady* Anne *daughter of* Richard Nevil *Earle of* Warwick, *widow to* Ed. *Prince of* Wales, *Son of* Hen. 6.
King *Henry* the seventh married	*The Lady* Elizabeth *daughter to* Edw. *the fourth, Heir to the House of* York, *who united the two Roses.*
King *Henry* the eight had six Wives, whereof three were *Katharines*, two were Fotreners, the other four born within the Realm; of which Wives, he was divorced from two, and two were beheaded.	*His first Wife was* Katharine *daughter of* Ferdinand *King of* Spain, *a most pious Lady, from whom after* 20. *years cohabitation he got to be divorced. The second,* Anne *daughter of Sir* Tho. Bullen *Earl of* Wiltshire, *and* Ormond. *The third was* Jane Seymor *daughter to the Earl of* Hartford. *The fourth was* Anne *of* Cleve, *from whom he was divorced. The fifth was* Katharine *widow to the Lord* Latimer, *and daughter*

	daughter to Tho. Howard *Duke of* Norfolk *beheaded, and Buried in the Tower with* Anne *of* Bullen. *The first wife was* Katharine Parr, *sister to the Marquess of* Northampton.
Queen *Mary* was married	*To* Philip *the second King of* Spain.
King *James* married	*The Lady* Anne *daughter to* Frederick *the third King of* Denmark.
King *Charls* the First married	*The Lady* Henrietta Maria *youngest daughter to* Henry *the great of* France, *which was the eighth Royal alliance that was 'twixt* England *and* France.
King *Charls* the Second married	*The Lady* Katherine *sole daughter to* Don John *the fourth King of* Portugal, *and sister to* Don Alonso *the sixth now Regnant.*

THere was a Matrimonial Alliance once before 'twixt the Blood Royal of *England* and *Portugal*, which was about *Anno* 1376. between *John* the First, King of *Portugal*, and the Lady *Philippa* daughter to *John* of *Gaunt* Duke of *Lancaster*; King *John* had five Sons by her, the two eldest with the Father were all three Knights of the Garter at one time; the youngest Son was *Henry*, who being a speculative studious Prince was much addicted to the *Mathematicks*, and specially to the Art of *Navigation*, which induced him to set forth some Ships for Discovery of new Countries, and his Design succeeded so well, that in the first voyage, he discovered the *Azores* & other Islands in the *Atlantick* Sea, next the Coasts of *Guney*, Cape *Verd*, and so at last the passage by the *Promontory*, or Cape of Good Hope to the *East Indies*, which discoveries have proved so gainful and glorious to that Nation ever since.

By the former Alliance, it may be said that *Portugal* married with *England*, by this *England* hath married with *Portugal*. And as the former was the fortunatest Alliance that *Portugal* ever made by their own confession to this day; So may this prove to *England*: may all the blessings of Heaven be poured down upon it according to the due and daily Devotions of all true-hearted Subjects, and particularly of I. H.

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